

**JO SEARS.**—Joseph L. Sears, for many years manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company in Pioche, died at Rock Creek, Wyoming, on Sunday morning, May 13th, while on the way to his mother's home in Omaha. During the war he served his country in a position of great trust and responsibility, and sometimes of danger, having enlisted in the telegraphic branch of the service when a mere boy. He was about 36 years of age at the time of his death. When he left us few had hopes that he would live many days. A deep sadness pervaded this community when we saw him last. This feeling was intensified at the news of his death. To say, when a man is dead, that his life was pure and noble, is common. But there was nothing common about the life of Jo Sears. It was a life unobtrusive to the world, yet carrying on always in its sphere faithfully, earnestly and bravely an important part of the world's work—a life devoted to love and thoughtful care of his family—and a life that was beautiful beyond compare to those who had the happiness to know him well. It does not rob death of all its sadness to know that the brother who is gone had no cause to fear it—that he left no rankling bitterness in the hearts of enemies—that he walked modestly, yet steadily and fearlessly, forward to the end in accord with the Great Law; but it does take away some of the harshness of the Universal Destroyer when we feel that he who has gone before us met his fate smilingly without a regret. More than this—when the sharper pains of grief shall have passed—let us hope that our sadness may turn to a beautiful remembrance of what we loved in him. In life he said he wished no mourning for his death. Loving, unselfish friend, we are not, and we would not be, able to hold back the tears that fall for you. Human nature must run its course. Sorrow shall have its time. But after that the sweetness of your memory will linger with us always.

The annexed items taken from a New York exchange and tends to show that Tom Pheby was arrested for robbing the mining company while filling the position of superintendent. All the same as the Raymond & Ely: "Deputy Sheriff Thomas B. Pheby on charges made by George M. Pinney, general manager of the Inyo Consolidated Mining and Milling Company. Pheby is accused of having, while in the employ of the company, acted as superintendent at a salary of \$500 a week, unlawfully converted to his own use money to the amount of \$50,468.46 belonging to the company. He was held in the custody of the Sheriff in default of \$20,000 bail.

It was most unfortunate that our residents were not cognizant of the fact of our Statesman, Hon. R. A. Riepe, having a long written speech to deliver on his arrival in Pioche. On the night of his arrival in town he was requested a couple of times to make a speech, but not being pressed, declined. If his constituents had of only been aware of the fact that Mr. Riepe had a speech written that he was desirous of delivering, they certainly would have pressed it out of him. There is talk over in the western part of the State, that should Senator Fair send in a resignation of his seat in the U. S. Senate, Hon. R. A. Riepe will be appointed by the Governor to fill the vacant chair.

**START UP.**—The mill at the lower end of town, just completed, sounded its whistle for the first time on Monday, and on Wednesday it was started to work running on tailings. The mill proves a success as far as the mechanical work is concerned and reflects great credit on the mechanical ability of Billy Keeler, who superintended the construction. As a thorough test of the tailings has been made and proven satisfactory to the projectors of this enterprise, we hope that their great expectations may be realized.

**GOPHER DANCE.**—There was a grand "gopher dance" held at Harmony, Utah, the other day. There were sixteen hundred and seventy gophers, squirrels and chipmunks killed. A boy by the name of Johnny Bell, aged 12 years, killed 150 of the rodents. The time devoted to the extermination of the rodents by the contesting sides was one month.

**BEARS KILLING CATTLE.**—Down in the vicinity of Harmony the bears are getting troublesome and are killing cattle. Last week they killed a couple of calves up the road this side of Harmony. Passengers going from Pioche down to Silver Reef will now have company during the night, the buckboard driver being afraid to go to sleep.

The Christy Company at Silver Reef is doing much better in producing bullion the present month than they did last. The yield will be much greater. Last month considerable trouble was caused by the water in the Tecumseh shaft, but now this trouble has been remedied.

The Kingfisher claim is growing prodigious in rich ore. When the billionaires out at the mine turn in on the soft side of a plank at night, after their day's labor, they dream that they dwell in marble halls, but, like little Boopie, they find it a joke upon awaking.

The sale of the delinquent stock of the Day Company will take place on next Monday.

A GENUINE mash—sending a base-ball through a window light.

## BULLIONVILLE AND PANACA DOTS

Quartz Sparks has quit dealing faro in Bullionville.

A lively poker game was running in Bullionville during the fore part of the week.

Teamsters are hauling bullion to the terminus for \$12 per ton, and are glad to get it at that price.

Engineer Barton, of the Smelting Company, is suffering with a very sore eye, caused by the late sand storm in Bullionville.

We predict for this section, ere long, a sensational occurrence of more than usual magnitude. See if we don't prove a prophet.

The large tank at the warm spring bath house has been recently caulked so as to hold water, and now affords a good opportunity for those who like to take a dive.

Homely fellows ought not to be jealous of their pretty wives, for the green-eyed monster, like his Satanic Majesty, is always on the alert for a victim, and when found he rarely escapes his clutches this side of eternity.

Professor D. Benjamin called a meeting for Tuesday evening at Social Hall, for the purpose of organizing a writing school, but the venture proved a failure, not more than half a dozen small boys being present. The professor ought to join the church.

Johnny Kiernan says that he will have new potatoes for market inside of a week, and that his lucern crop will be ready to cut in a few days. This is rather surprising considering the backwardness of the crops here, and that his ranch is only some forty miles south of Bullionville.

The Calico ball given by the young ladies of Panaca the evening of the 10th, having proved a success, it now behooves the young ladies of Pioche to do something similar, besides some of our gents would like to renew the acquaintance so pleasantly formed on that evening.

The trustees of the water company held a meeting in the school-house Tuesday evening that in a great measure resembled the annual picnic of their namesakes of the Spring Valley Water Company of San Francisco, inasmuch as the shares were liberally sprinkled for the benefit of the people.

Mr. and Mrs. Short are partly consoled for the loss of their bright little boy Willie, some months ago, the lady having given birth to a pretty baby girl Monday morning. This bears out the Scriptural passage which tells us that "The Lord returns an equivalent to his children for that which in his wisdom he sometimes takes from them."

We learn that the young ladies of the Hub are offended with us for saying in our report of the Calico shindig that the "Piochers" were left out in the "cold," none of them having drawn a partner. Now dear ladies, we meant that your masculine escorts "got left," your dear little selves having thrown off on them for our good looking boys. Fact, ladies.

Our Bishop, previous to the Calico ball, expressed himself pretty freely in regard to the demoralizing influences that were sure to follow such an unholy assemblage, and cautioned the young folks to remain away if they valued the advice of the Lord's anointed, for, said the worthy man, the ungodly Piocher, and whisky imbibing Bullionvillian, will be there in force, to incubate into your minds the seeds of death and damnation, not to speak of the contaminating influence of the giddy waltz, which one of our writers appropriately terms the dance of death.

Professor Jorgensen gave one of his popular exhibitions last Saturday evening before a select (?) audience of Bullionvillians. The show, as advertised, was rather mixed, the donkey and small boy failing to put in an appearance; the professor, however, ably personated their parts, much to the delight of the small boys, who wished nothing better than to hear him bray. The audience were afterwards treated to samples of the professor's ventriloquism, during which a voice up in the ceiling got in some good ones on the Bullionville Justice, much to the discomfort of that bashful youth.

LOUIS BETZ expects to leave Monday on a trip to the north for the purpose of taking a look around and see if he can discover a place to locate that will suit him better than Pioche. Dr. Wm. Bell will have charge of the undertaker's department of Louis' business during his absence.

The Martin White mine at Ward is looking as well at present at any time during the past year. The Reflex says the stockholders in Ward evidently have confidence in it as hardly a share owned by residents of Ward has been allowed to go delinquent.

CHARLEY BELL is keeping a hotel at Lordsburg, New Mexico. He writes that he has fully recovered his health and hopes to be able to run another foot-race at Panaca one of these days.

The constable will sell the property of Mayflower S. M. Company and Bristol S. M. Company, of Bristol, on Wednesday if the judgment obtained against them is not settled.

The firm of Wertheimer and Gear has been dissolved by mutual consent, H. F. Gear withdrawing. The business will hereafter be carried on by L. V. Wertheimer.

## HAND HOISTING.

J. R. Staples, of Frisco, Utah, after many months of labor and hard study, says the Southern Utah Times, has at length invented and completed a hoisting windlass (and has applied for a patent on the same) the use of which will have a tendency to revolutionize the work of mine prospecting. It is pronounced by all practical and experienced miners, who have examined it and seen it operate, to be the best hand hoisting windlass yet invented. It has, among other properties in its operation, the merit of fast and slow motion and is so constructed that one man can hoist from 600 to 700 pounds from a depth of from 300 to 400 feet with the same speed as that of an ordinary windlass with a light load. The fast motion is intended to be used for hoisting men or anything required to be hoisted rapidly.

The great and insurmountable difficulty in prospecting heretofore has been, that a greater depth than 100 to 150 feet cannot be attained with any degree of economy by the use of the ordinary hand windlass. This difficulty is entirely overcome by the Staples windlass, as it can be used at any depth, the rope working on an endless principle. It has pails and other improved attachments which render it as safe as any whim or cage now in use.

Parties owning mining property can now prospect the same to any desired depth, without waiting for years for capital to do the work, as this windlass is within the reach of all. Mr. Staples is to be congratulated and is deserving of great credit for the success he has attained in inventing a windlass, the principal points of which are safety, power and speed.

The following named gentleman have examined this windlass and have witnessed it operate, and they unhesitatingly pronounce it to be all that is claimed for it:

H. W. Morse, secretary Cactus Company; P. Ryan, mine superintendent; Theodore Culver, millwright and miner; P. Lochrie, attorney at law; P. A. Malloy, John Forgie, Dan McNamara, Jos. Thurlay, Henry Collins, Wm. Armstrong, Wm. Mahony, Thos. Sears, A. Eckland and M. Ormond, all practical miners.

## ROYAL CITY CRUMBS.

There are now fifteen school children in Royal City.

Messrs. D. Turner and R. Adams paid us a visit during the week.

There is but one saloon in town, and that is closed about two-thirds of the time.

Royal City can boast of more dogs and cats than any other camp of its size on the coast.

Everything running smoothly at the Day mine. There are now quite a number of men working.

Mrs. J. Deck and family arrived here this week, and will remain here as residents of Royal City.

During the week there was a grand mass-meeting held here in favor of Hon. R. A. Riepe for United States Senator.

The Cotton-tail mine, owned by John Lynch, is looking first-class at the bottom. Also the Kingfisher, owned by Russell Fuller and Bailey Wilcox. In fact all the mines of Jackrabbit District are looking very good.

Lost.—A fine black and tan female canine; black eyes; weight about five pounds, and this little lady dog wears a collar. The person who returns the above described dog to Thos. Kelley, of this place, will be suitably rewarded.

V. WEAVER, an old resident, died on Wednesday night, a few minutes after 11 o'clock. He was buried Thursday afternoon. Mr. Weaver, during the early days of Pioche, was engaged in the lumber business. He was a native of New York, aged 53 years.

DAN RYAN, who has been here since '69, will leave to-day for the north country. He will visit Montana, and if he finds no place there to locate, he will proceed on to Washington Territory.

MR. GEO. TERRY, late acting Superintendent of the Day Company, expects to leave for San Francisco on Sunday. He will go via Salt Lake City.

The ground in the lower workings of the Day mine has greatly improved in the past week and the indications point to the early striking of ore.

A LARGE assortment of handsome photograph cases and ornaments were received at Wertheimer's during the week. Call and see them.

The Utah cattle men who have been out at White River, Nye county, purchasing cattle returned Friday afternoon.

Cold, windy and disagreeable weather. Piochers will have their May party sometime during August next.

Mrs. JAS. BURROWS departed for Salt Lake the first part of the week on a visit.

The bullion shipments from the Reef are at present rather light.

The sweetest thing in life, is not a cold in the head.

Six Algerian engineers, who were consulted by M. de Lesseps on the North of Africa inland sea scheme, have reported that the cutting could be made within five years, at a cost of \$30,000,000.

A murderer who was hanged by a mob at Jacksonville, Ill., turns out to have been a son of Quantrell, the Missouri guerrilla.

## I. O. O. F.

Grand Lodge of California. Its History and Progress.

(From the San Francisco Call.)

The strongest and wealthiest fraternal society on the Pacific Coast is American Odd Fellowship, the Grand Lodge of which convenes at the California Theater in San Jose to-day. This order was brought here by the earliest pioneers, and California Lodge, No. 1, was instituted January 12, 1849, and four years later the Grand Lodge of California was formed, coming into existence May 17, 1853, with twenty-two lodges and 935 members. Since then thirty years have elapsed, and it will not be uninteresting to present a few facts and figures, from which may be answered the question, "Are fraternal societies beneficial and of advantage to a community, State and nation?"

In early days in this State the Odd Fellows' Lodge was church, university, home, everything, to many, and acted as a safeguard and protection to its members from temptation and evil. Here principles were inculcated, and men taught to war against vice in all its forms—to be temperate, just and loving. Here were taught the rules of parliamentary practice and debate, the great doctrine of toleration, as well as charity, and from these lodges emanated the men who took high rank among their associates; in fact, a glance at the names of those whom California has honored with office and position in State and national assemblies will show that, as a rule, they have all been members of this order, and principally so from the fact that the education of the fraternity especially fitted them for places of trust, parliamentary requirement, etc.

Especially was this true of the earlier days of our State, and although not to such a complete extent now, still, as a rule, it is yet correct. Therefore, as an educator, as a means of overcoming evil with good, as a restrainer, and teacher, it has been beneficial.

In 1854, 82 brothers were relieved; the moneys paid to them and their families as relief amounted to \$5,499. In 1864, 850 brothers and their families received relief to the amount of \$39,915. In 1874, 1,898 members and their families were paid \$127,259, and the official report for 1881 shows 2,740 brothers and 281 widowed families relieved, at an expenditure of \$174,702. From 1854 to 1881, inclusive, 28 years, this order grew from 22 lodges, 995 members and a revenue of \$20,129, to 274 lodges, 21,858 members and a revenue of \$463,520 annually, and a footing of its relief record shows 36,330 brothers relieved, 2,925 widowed families cared for, 2,959 brothers buried, and the following amounts expended for these worthy objects: Relief of brothers, \$1,713,251; relief of widowed families, \$245,336; burial of dead, \$261,063; education of orphans, \$18,874. Total relief and charity, \$2,230,124.

If these figures do not carry their own arguments with them it would be a waste of time and space to attempt to present others. It may be truthfully said that no organization has been of greater value to this State and its citizens than American Odd Fellowship, and in no State of this republic does Odd Fellowship stand higher than here, and the world recognizes the perfection that has been attained here in the written and unwritten works of the order.

As early as 1857 the lodges throughout the jurisdiction were urged to establish libraries, as the great necessity for education was realized, and in 1860 a resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge declaring it to be a duty for lodges and members to contribute to the support of libraries. The great library of the order in San Francisco is too well known to require more than a passing notice. It stands to-day, with its 40,000 volumes, a monument of faithful labor. Its advantages have been felt in thousands of families, and many a man and woman are indebted to it for knowledge and information. Since its inception other libraries have been formed, private and public, but none will ever be able to take the place it has held or be of the advantage it has been in the years gone by, and whatever may be its future its name will ever be honored and beloved.

Mr. Theodore A. Havemeyer, who is one of the most amiable men alive, took a large party of friends up to his stables in West Seventy-second street yesterday to inspect his remarkably fine collection of young Jersey cattle. One of the guests, inspired by the scene, electrified the rest with a conundrum: "What is the difference," he enquired, "between Mr. Havemeyer in these stables and Mrs. Langtry on the stage as Rosalind?" Of course nobody could guess. "Well, one of them shows us Jersey calves worth seeing and the other doesn't!"—(New York World.)

A man never falls in love but once. Afterwards he cautiously walks to the edge of the abyss and looks down.

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